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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Ex Parte Notice: CG Docket No. 02-278, In the Matter of Rules and Regulations Implementing the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991.*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 13, 2003, Randy Hicks (by phone), Andrew Graves, Annette Cleckner and I, from WorldCom, met with Margaret Egler and Richard Smith of the Federal Communications Commission's Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau to discuss the above referenced proceeding.

During the meeting we discussed WorldCom's positions as stated in the comments and reply comments filed in the above referenced docket. We emphasized the importance of telemarketing, especially with regard to the development of competition in a historically monopolized market such as the local telephone service market. We discussed the features of telemarketing that make it an effective marketing tool and beneficial to consumers. We also talked about concerns that may arise in the implementation and enforcement of a national do-not-call list.

Additionally we discussed the systems development and testing that would be needed to comply with a mandated maximum abandonment rate ("ABA"). Specifically, in order to demonstrate compliance with a specific ABA, companies would need to create and test new software functionally in order to generate data to track ABA as it may be defined. Companies would also need to create a database to capture, sort, and store the data mentioned above in order to be able to determine ABA levels as may be required. This type of development and testing could take nine to twelve months to complete.

In accordance with Commission rules, this notice is being filed electronically for inclusion in the above-referenced docket. Please contact me if you have any questions with regard to this notice.

Sincerely,

/s/ Karen Reidy

cc: Margaret Egler
Richard Smith